

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 22 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 11-13. Claims 11-13 have been cancelled. Claims 21 and 23 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 25 and 26. Claims 24-26 have been cancelled. Clarifying amendments have been made to the remaining claims. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested. The amendments are not believed to raise new issues or require further search since the limitations of the amended claims have been previously presented.

The method of the present invention as recited in the amended claims is characterized in that (1) copolymer (A) is not used in the form of a solid resin which has been isolated by being pelletized when copolymer (A) and graft copolymer (B) are mixed, and (2) graft copolymer (B) is fed into copolymer (A) which exists in a melt state. The method of the invention produces products having excellent color tone and excellent physical properties.

The cited Owen reference neither discloses nor suggests a method as now recited in the claims.

It is noted that the data of Examples 1, 2 and 7 show that the method of the invention produces products having superior haze

values as compared to Examples 3 and 8 in which the copolymer (A) and graft copolymer (B) are mixed in a solid state and then melt-blended in an extruder, i.e., graft copolymer (B) is not fed into the polymer (A) in a melt state.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

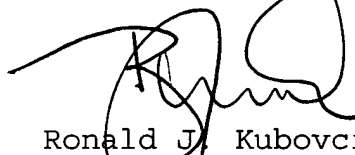
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